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SUBJ: MEETING WITH SIAD - SOMALI/KENYAN BORDER CLASH

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1. SIAD SUMMONED ME AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL. HE REFUTED, CATEGORICALLY REPORTS THAT SOMALI REGULAR ARMY UNITS HAD ATTACKED KENYAN QUOTE OUTPOST FORCES UNQUOTE. AS SOON AS HE HAD HEARD REPORTS HE INITIATED FULL INVESTIGATION. AS A RESULT, HE ASKED ME CONVEY FOLLOWING TO DEPARTMENT AND PRESIDENT CARTER:

QUOTE BY MEANS ETHIOPIAN INTRIGUES, KENYAN FORCES IN AREA HAD BEEN FOOLED INTO BELIEVING SOMALI REGULARS WERE ATTACKING KENYAN TERRITORY AND WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF KENYAN OFFICIALS IN NAIROBI.

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NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THE LIBERATION FORCES IN THE AREA WERE NOT SOMALI ARMY FORCES BUT PEOPLE FROM AREA FIGHTING FOR THEIR FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSIVE EPMG. THESE PEOPLE DID CROSS INTO KENYAN TERRITORY BUT ONLY BECAUSE CROSSING AT ANOTHER

POINT WAS IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO SWOLLEN RIVER. UNQUOTE SIAD WISHED ASSURE ME THAT MAJOR PILLAR GOVT'S FOREIGN POLICY REMAINS AS IT

HAS SINCE REVOLTUION: QUOTE SOMALIA WILL NEVER USE ITS ARMY
INITIATE ATTACK AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS UNQUOTE

2. SIAD WENT ON TO SAY THAT HASSAN KAID HAD INFORMED HIM DIRECTLY
OF MY EARLIER MEETING AT FONOFF AND FELT DUTY BOUND TELL ME RESULTS
HIS INVESTIGATION. SAID HE REGRETTED THAT KENYANS HAD NOW RAISED
SUBJECT AT OAU SINCE THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT IN KENYATTA'S MIND ABOUT
SOMALI POLICY VIS-A-VIS KENYA.

3. SIAD REFUSED BE DRAWN INTO TOUR D'HORIZON HORN ISSUES
THOUGH HE FOUND TIME CASTGATE QUOTE MAD UNQUOTE MENGISTU FOR
MASSACRE HIS BROTHERS INCLUDING STARVING HAILLE SELASSIE TO DEATH.

4. AT CONCLUSION MEETING SIAD SAID AMB ADDOU HAD SENT HIM DETAILED
REPORT HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. HE ASKED WHEN HE MKGHT LOOK
FORWARD RESULTS US EFFORTS WITH OUR ALLIES AND CONCLUDED,
STATING QUOTE I AM FRIEND IN NEED; WILL YOU BE FRIEND IN DEED
UNQUOTE.

COMMENT: SIAD IS IN TROUBLE AND KNOWS THAT I KNOW IT BUT HIS PRIDE
WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO TELL ME OR TO CONVERSE ON THE ACTUAL SITUATION
IN THE HORN AS HE SEES IT. EVERY OPENING I PRESENTED TO HIM WAS
BRUSHED ASIDE. IN THE MEANTIME, MOGADISCIO IS DROWNING IN A SEA
OF RUMOR, SPECULATION AND CONFUSION. BUT, THE MAN IN THE STREET
KNOWS THAT IN THE LONG RUN SOMALIA WILL HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN
DEFENDING ITSELF AGAINST ETHIOPIA SHOULD BHE EPMG (INCREASINGLY
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ARMED BY RUSSIA) BE PROVOKED INTO ATTACKING SOMALIA BECAUSE OF
WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT ACTIVITIES, AIDED AND ABETTED
AS THEY ARE BY SOMALI TRAINED GUERILLAS.
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